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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of)	Examiner: C. Bennett
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Inventors: Lilip Lau, William)	Group Art Unit: 3307
Hartigan, John J.)	
Frantzen)	Docket No. ACS 42595 (3808.2)
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08/783,097)	
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For: EXPANDABLE STENTS AND)	Los Angeles, California
METHOD FOR MAKING SAME)	March 24, 1997

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the application that is a division of U.S. Serial No. 08/783,097 filed January 14, 1997. Please enter and consider this Preliminary Amendment in examination of the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 2, after the word "application" insert the following:

- is a division of U.S. Serial No. 08/783,097, filed January 14, 1997, which is a division of U.S. Serial No.